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MISSION STATEMENT

"As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system."

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, January 24, 2008

Members Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses' Association
Cerny, Barbara – Third District
Dipretoro, Scott – American Red Cross
Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedics Agencies Comm.
Graham, Dan – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association
Green, R.N., Katy – First District
Marugg, Jim – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District
Miranda, Sgt. Pete – Law Enforcement Agencies
Pfohl, Chief Bob – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs' Association
Schroeder, Dave – Fourth District
Skoglund, R.N., Patty – Hosp. Assoc. S.D./Imperial Co.

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Emergency Physicians' Society
League of California Cities
Military Agencies
S.D. Co. Medical Society

Members Absent

Fried, Bruce – Fifth District

Guests Present

Bull, R.N., Pat – American Red Cross
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar
Johnson, Wayne – S.D. Med. Services Enterprise
Kusman, Travis – American Medical Response
Majerczak, R.N., Karen – Tri-City
Outlaw, Liz – Sharp Healthcare

County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Graham, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Linda Broyles, R.N., Seconded by Jim Marugg, to approve the Minutes of November 15, 2007 as submitted. MOTION carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

IV. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Prehospital/Hospital

MOTION made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Seconded by Jim Marugg to approve policies T-703 and T-705 as submitted. MOTION carried.

V. PARAMEDIC INTERFACILITY TRANSPORTS

Kelly Forman, R.N., reported that he subject was discussed at the last EMCC Prehospital/Hospital subcommittee meeting and consensus was reached that there wasn't any need they could find to make any change to the current standards.

The subject was also discussed at the San Diego County Ambulance Association meeting the day before. Mixed feelings were expressed, primarily regarding how much investigation and data would be needed to be gathered to determine the need.

VI. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

Influenza cases continue to remain low. Some occasional spikes have been noticed regarding respiratory disease and respiratory disease with fever types. Emergency departments have been very busy in San Diego County and hospitals have been having some difficulty admitting patients, especially to the intensive care and telemetry units. Within the last week there were eleven or twelve hospitals on bypass saturation simultaneously. A telephone conference with the Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties was held.

The ROC (Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium) Study is on-going with the emphasis on the Cardiac Arrest part now.

The door-to-balloon times in the STEMI system have been very good and the system is working well on the activated patients. Some up-coming review will focus on over-triaged patients and non-activated cases.

The Stroke protocol went into effect on January 1, 2008. A tool is being developed on how to survey receiving hospitals for stroke to make sure they're in compliance with the policy.

After-action reports are being worked on from the October, 2007 wildfires. Discussions will be held on lessons learned and where improvements can be made for the future.

The State has an earthquake drill planned for the annual November State-wide exercise.

Agitated delirium cases are being reviewed with the possible use of sedatives to restrain those patients if necessary and prevent cardiac arrest.

Cesar Aristeiguieta, M.D., recently resigned as State EMS Director.

VII. EMS STAFF REPORT (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

Dean Sidelinger, M.D., has been appointed as the new Deputy Health Officer in Public Health. Dr. Sidelinger was at UCSD in the Division of Community Pediatrics. In County HHSA, Dr. Sidelinger will focus on tuberculosis, border health issues and community outreach activities, among other things.

Pauline Thomas, R.N., has been hired at EMS as a Quality Assurance Specialist and will begin employment the beginning of February, 2008. Ms. Thomas will work on the disaster side of EMS. Ms. Thomas formerly worked at Paradise Valley in a manager role.

The Metropolitan Medical Strike Team (MMST) is holding a drill this date (January 24, 2008) in the Chula Vista area.

A number of events will be taking place in June, 2008 in San Diego County; the U.S. Open Golf tournament, the Del Mar Fair, and the Rock and Roll Marathon. EMS staff is working with San Diego City staff on emergency plans for those events.

VIII. ELECTIONS OF CHAIR FOR 2008

MOTION made by Kelly Forman, R.N., Seconded by Linda Broyles, R.N., to appoint Bob Pfohl as Chair for 2008. MOTION carried.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., Health Services Complex, Disaster Operations Center, 3851 Rosecrans Street, San Diego.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary,
County EMS